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# AROUND YOUR LIBRARY!

Parmly Billings Library NEWSLETTER—No. 35, November 2010

# Igniting the Novel Within You

November is National Novel Writing Month, and those with a novel inside them are challenged to get it on paper. Local writer **Craig Lancaster** took up that challenge, and it resulted in **600 Hours of Edward**, which recently won a High Plains Book Award for Best First Novel. As he prepares to release his second novel, he offers all would-be writers the lessons he learned about letting that novel out into the world. (More about Craig at http://craiglancaster.wordpress.com/)

Join Craig at 7:00 pm, Wednesday, November 10, on the 3rd Floor.

# Community Library "Out West"

**Parmly Billings Library** is partnering with the **MSU-Billings College of Technology** for the *Community Library* on the COT campus. You can select this location to pick up reserved materials, return items to the drop box here, and browse the collection of public library materials on the shelves. In addition, you may use public computers and get a borrower's card for the COT's library books.

Community Library hours are 7:30am-6pm, Monday-Thursday, 7:30am-5pm, Friday. The College of Technology is in west Billings at 3803 Central Avenue.

# Youth Seasonal Employment Fair

Looking for some extra cash for the holidays? Parmly Billings Library and the Montana Job Service are partnering to sponsor a Seasonal Employment Fair. Brush up your résumé, apply for jobs, talk to employers and learn more about resources available to teens and young adults in our area.

Stop in Wednesday, November 3, 11am-5pm, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor.

## Return of the Indie Film Series!

One of our most popular series returns on November 4—those quirky, unpredictable indie films. We'll look at recent independent films on topics ranging from an Ozark girl hunting her drug-dealing father to two boys making their own Rambo action film. The Library's **Thursday Night at the Movies** is sponsored by the **Parmly Billings Library Foundation**.

The free Thursday movies start at 7:00 pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor. Bring snacks and a friend!

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Nov. 4: Winter's Bone (2010, R) An Ozark Mountain girl hacks through

dangerous social terrain as she hunts down her drug-dealing father while trying to keep her family intact.



Dec. 2: **A Serious Man** (2009, R) Dec. 16: **Greenberg** (2010, R)



Nov. 18: The Kids Are All Right (2010, R) The children of two mothers want to meet their biological father, whose incursion into a suburban family may affect all their relationships.

Jan. 6: **Son of Rambow** (2008, PG-13) Jan **20: In Bruges** (2008, R)

# News Views of the Parmly Billings Library Foundation

The Parmly Billings Library Foundation is proud to announce that a major donor has stepped forward to lead a community-wide fund-raising campaign for a new Library building. Although this donor wishes to remain anonymous for now, they have offered a \$2,000,000 lead gift with only one condition: that the building design have architectural significance. It is their wish that this gift will enable the City of Billings and residents throughout Yellowstone County to have a new Library that is architecturally appealing, one that suitably complements the myriad of high quality services and materials provided within its walls—a new building that we will all be proud to call "our Library." We are most grateful for this donor's generosity and dedication.

We welcome help from everyone in our community! The mission of the Parmly Billings Library Foundation is to provide supplemental financial support for our Library. Because of your past generous contributions, the Foundation funded a new computer lab with teleconferencing capabilities. This lab is now in constant use for technology classes from teaching basic computer skills to the latest trends in social media. Your support makes all the difference!

For more information, please contact Development Director Leslie Modrow at HYPERLINK "mailto:modrowl@ci.billings. mt.us" modrowl@ci.billings.mt.us

Have you checked our new website yet? www.billingslibraryfoundation.org

In 1964, the comedy *Any Wednesday*, starring Sandy Dennis and Don Porter, opened on Broadway and ran for two years. Later that decade, it became a film with Jane Fonda and Jason Robards. In Billings, "any Wednesday" will find Members of the Friends playing their roles on the Library's 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor. All are both stars and supporting cast for one another.

The curtain opens to reveal bins and boxes of recently donated books waiting by the sorting tables. Two or three actors enter and begin looking over the donations, separating them, one by one, into broad categories. Scene II reveals a different set of actors placing the books on carts for transfer to a row of tables backed against a wall. There, the cast moves repeatedly between carts and tables, stacking the

books according to ten or twelve specific topics such as biography or reference.

Naturally, at *intermission* everyone gathers for coffee, soft drinks and pastries.

In *Scene III*, yet more actors deliver, by cart or strong arms, each category's worth of books to its proper place in the shelving rooms. There, the star of each section portrays a repertoire of emotions ranging from despair ("Oh, no, I must rearrange everything!") to joy ("Just what my section was missing!"). As *Scene IV* unfolds, the spotlight moves from one actor to another as space miraculously is found for yet more books. Thus, the curtain falls on "any Wednesday" on the Library's 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor.

"Three things cannot be hidden: the sun, the moon and the truth." ~Kim Echlin, The Disappeared

In November your Parmly Billings Library! Story Time Tales Tales & Tots Stories 11:30am & 5pm Books & Babies **Election Day** 11am-5pm Seasonal Social Media Class 10:15-11am Employment Fair/Youth **Library Closed** Movies @ the Library 3:15-4pm **Books& Babies** Computer Classes 10:30-11am 1:30pm Basic Internet 4:30pm NoveList for Readers 4pm Computer Cl. **3pm Library Show** Ch. 7 7pm Indie Film Series Story Time Tales 10:30-11am 10 12 13 Tales & Tots Story Time 11:30am Tech. Class 11am *Discussion* One Book Montana, 2<sup>nd</sup> Fl. **Veteran's Day** Books & Babies One Book Montana, 2<sup>nd</sup> Fl. 10:30-11am 10:15-11am **Library CLOSED** Computer Classes 3pm Library Show Ch. 7 Movies @ the Library 1pm TEEN Gaming Day 11am Getting Started w/Email 1:30pm Intermediate Internet 4:30pm Novelist for Readers 7pm Author Program
"Igniting the Author Inside" 10:30-11am Noon Program Family Law 7pm Span. Book Discuss. 7pm Program Peace Corps Story Time Tales 10:30—11 am 11 am & 5:30 pm 20 16 Social Media Cyber Safe Story Time Tales 10:30-11am

Noon History of Mystery

1pm Knitting Circle 3:15-4pm Book S& Babies 4pm TEEN Book Discuss.

**Thursday** 

Noon Lib. Board Mtg.

**BRING THE FAMILY IN AND CHECK OUT MOVIES,** 7pm Indie Film Series "The Kids Are All Right" 26 Story Time Tales 10:30-11am Tales & Tots Story Time 10:30-11am Books & Babies Carina's Stories **Thanksgiving** 1pm NEW Graphic Novel-to-Film Series 12:30-1pm 10:15-11am **Library Closed** Movies @ the Library Computer Classes 'Ghost World" (2001, R) 11:30am Tech. Class 5pm Library Show 11am Getting Started w/Email 1:30pm Intermediate Internet 10:30-11am Noon Program
"Family Law for Non-Lawyers" 7pm Author Visit 3pm Library Show Ch. 7 Wildlife on the Wind" by Bruce Smith 28 30

Tales & Tots Story Time 10:30-11am

Computer Classes
11 am Getting Started w/Email
1:30pm Basic Internet

3pm Library Show Ch. 7

11:30am Tech. Class

Sign up! It's Children's Reading Challenge Week, Nov. 15-22!

Story Time Tales 10:30-11am

**Tuesday** 

November 11:30am Tech. Class 5pm Library Show

Wednesday

#### **PROGRAM:**

Sunday

**MUSIC, BOOKS** 

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#### **RETIRING TO THE PEACE CORPS**

Some people like to volunteer after retiring. Some want to see more of the world. Connie Genger did both. As a Peace Corps Volunteer in Morocco, Connie took her career experience to a job developing small businesses. Learn about her perspective on becoming a post-career Peace Corps Volunteer, and the rewards and challenges of these ventures.

Carina's Stories

12:30-1pm

5pm Library Show

Noon Discussion

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Monday

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5pm Library Show

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5pm Library Show

Join her at 7:00 pm, Tuesday, November 9, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor.

#### **AUTHOR VISIT: BRUCE SMITH**

Bruce Smith, whose newest book is Wildlife on the Wind: A Field Biologist's Journey and an Indian **Reservation's Renewal**, discusses the restoration of wildlife on tribal lands in Wyoming's Wind River Reservation and the impact it had on environment and the wildlife conservationists who worked on the project. (Images at http://www.brucesmithwildlife.com/) Hear him at 7:00 pm, Monday, November 22, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor.

#### **TECH TUESDAY EXCEL CLASS SERIES**

Our Tech Tuesday series begins expanded Excel classes in November. Learn spreadsheet basics, then put them to work! This series teaches practical uses for Microsoft Excel skills.

CLasses are always on Tuesdays at 11:30am in the  $2^{nd}$  Floor Computer Classroom. Please pre-register by calling 657–8258.

- Beginning Excel~Nov. 9
- Checkbook Reconciliation Using Excel~Nov. 16
- Using Excel to Create a Simple Budget~Nov. 23
- Creating Charts in Excel~Nov. 30
- Sorting Data in Excel~Dec. 7
- Using Excel and Word to Create a Mailing List~Dec. 14

#### Get the latest Bookmobile Calendar! Download November's schedule on our website.

www.billings.lib.mt.us

All the info about what happens this month is on our website, too! Check it out.

## Take the Children's Reading Challenge~November 15-22

The Children's Reading Challenge encourages young people ages 2-12 to check out and read books! To participate, you will need a "Reading Challenge" bookmark. Get yours at the Library November 15-22 or online at www.billings.lib.mt.us. Participants are "challenged" to check out five books from the Library, read and then record them on the bookmark in order to earn a reading prize. All completed bookmarks must be returned to Children's Services by Monday, December 6. Children returning bookmarks may also register for drawings of special prizes. Remember, the Children's Reading Challenge is a also a great time to check out the Library's great selection of holiday books, CDs and videos.

#### **FOR TEENS: TEEN GAMING DAY!**

It's the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual **National Gaming Day**. Come to the Library for board games and Wii contests! Test your skills! Come at 1:00pm, Saturday, November 13, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor.

#### FOR TEENS: BOOK DISCUSSION

Notes from the Dog by Gary

Paulsen. Fifteen-year-old Finn is a loner, living with his dad and his amazing dog, Dylan. Johanna moves in next door. She treats Finn as an equal. Dylan loves her, too. Johanna's dealing with breast cancer, and Matthew and Finn care for her, emotionally and physically. For teens in grades 6-12. To register for this and get a FREE book, call 657-8258.



Come 4:00-5:00 pm, Thursday, November 18, to the Teen Pit.

## Kids' Fall Craft Project

Children ages 3-12 and up are invited come and make **Sunflower Wreaths.** We'll provide the materials. To preregister, please call Children's Services at 657–8256. Join us from 4-5pm, Friday, November 19, on the 3rd Floor.

#### **Library Hours**

Saturday

1:30pm

Spanish Conversation

2pm Anime Film Club

Books & Babies

10:15-11am

10:30-11am 4-5pm Kids' Fall Craft

**Friday** 

Movies @ the Library

Monday-Thursday 10am-9pm Friday 10am-6pm Saturday 10am-5pm Sunday 1pm-5pm

## **Helpful Information**

Phone numbers ~

Hours: 657-8259 Infomobile: 657-3091 Reference: 657-8258

Senior/Homebound: 657-8255 TDD/TTY: 657-3079

Children's: 657-8256 Foundation: 237-6149 Friends of the Library: 237-6170

**Webpage ~**www.billings.lib.mt.us

**Email** ~ refdesk@ci.billings.mt.us

#### Story Time Programs ~

Story Time with Carina! Mondays, 12:30-1pm

Story Time Tales

Tuesdays, 10:30-11am (3-6 year olds & parent/caregiver)

Tales & Tots Story Time Wednesdays, 10:30–11am (2–3 year olds & parent/caregiver)

Story Time Tales Thursdays, 10:30-11am (3-6 year olds & parent/caregiver)

Books & Babies Lap-Sit Thursdays, 3:15-4pm Fridays, 10:15-11am

#### (babies & parent/caregiver) Video Programs ~

Movie Time @ the Library Fridays, 10:30-11am